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The timely submission of the Election Response under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on December 22, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior written Election / Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 2005 because the applicant failed to elect a species, one particular combination of substituted amino acids for the alkaline protease sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, for examination. Since the submission appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Election Restriction Requirement, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply to this communication in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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